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Assignment of house-sites to the dwellers of slums on Corporation lands.

* 189 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many dwellers in Corporation slums in the City have applied to Government for assignment of the house-sites which have been occupied by them for over 20 years ; and

(*b*) the terms of assignment of the Corporation slums under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The dwellers of one slum existing on the Corporation land have applied to the Government for assignment of house-sites occupied by them.

" (*b*) No terms have been prescribed."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know the name of the slum on the Corporation land, the dwellers of which applied for assignment and whether the Government will bring a Bill suitably amending the relevant sections of the Madras City Slum Improvement Act, 1954? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The residents of Stanley Nagar have applied to the Government for assignment of the house-sites occupied by them."

Constitution of a Panchayat Board for Mattool amsam, North Malabar.

* 190 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to constitute a Panchayat Board for Mattool amsam in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has published a notification constituting a panchayat for this village with effect from 6th January 1955."

Relief to the Indian Nationals to be repatriated from Ceylon.

* 191 *Q.* & 192 *Q.*—

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Both the questions, 191 and 192, may be taken up together as they relate to the same subject. I do not know why the same hon. Member has given notice of two questions on the same subject."

* 191 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Tirunelveli District Adi-Dravida Mahajana Sangam, Colombo, dated the 28th September 1954, regarding rehabilitation of the Indian Nationals to be repatriated from Ceylon ; and

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(*b*) the action taken by the Government to help and relieve their distress?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are however watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to the Indian Nationals to be repatriated from Ceylon will be considered when the need arises."

* 192 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any representation, dated the 28th September 1954, was received on behalf of Indians in Ceylon working as domestic servants, requesting the Madras State Government to provide such relief as has been afforded to refugees from Pakistan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to his question No. 191."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறியதில் கவனிக்கப் படுவதாகக் கூறினார் என்றாலும் சிலோனிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய அகதிகள் பூராவும் ஆதித்திராவிட இனத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களாகத்தான் இருப்பார்கள். எனவே பாகிஸ்தானிலிருந்து வந்த அகதிகளுக்கு வசதி அளித்ததுபோல், இந்த அகதிகளுக்கும் வசதி செய்துகொடுக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the need has arisen as yet. If the need arises, the Government will certainly look into the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many repatriates from Ceylon have so far come to this State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that I have the figures here. If a separate question is put, I shall answer it."

Raising the height of the Siruvani dam in Coimbatore district.

* 193 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have spent any amount in raising the height of the Siruvani dam in Coimbatore district with a view to let excess water into the Noyyal river for irrigation purposes ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount spent and whether the object has been achieved?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Rs. 53,043. Necessary action to achieve the object in view is being taken."